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Third Sunday in Lent “One Letter Away From...”

We have spent several weeks in Mark’s gospel but now we move from Mark to John. In this third week of Lent, we will turn to a passage that we ordinarily associate with Holy Week. We do so because that’s where the event it describes takes place in Mark – and in Matthew and Luke as well.

John, however, places it very early in the ministry of Jesus – as early as the second chapter. It’s the event that we commonly refer to as “the cleansing of the Temple.” This is such an unusual event in the ministry of Jesus. I’m sure you have your own thoughts on what happened and the reasons behind it.

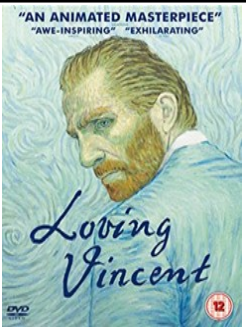
As I read the story in John’s gospel, I’m struck by the number of directions this incident might take us – directions that seem to be as timely right now in our society as they have ever been before. It’s a story about anger and has there ever been a better time to talk about anger than now? It’s a story about where to find God and has there ever been a better time to talk about finding God than now?

Read John 2:13-22 where we appear to see something in Jesus that is just “One Letter Away From...”

Lenten Blessings,
Dennis

“Loving Vincent”
This Sunday, March 4
3:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Many of you have probably heard of the recent movie, “Loving Vincent.” Very few of you, however, had the opportunity to see it in a movie theater. It had a very limited release and was only shown in one movie theater in Indiana.



The movie has been nominated for an Academy Award for Best Animated Feature Film. It took 10 years and 125 painters from around the world to paint 65,000 oil frames to create the film.

This Sunday at 3:00 PM in Fellowship Hall, you’ll have the opportunity to see the film and learn more about it. Everyone is invited and it might be a good event to invite a friend to join you.



Office Hours: Thursday 4:30 - 7



Just a reminder to all who wish to participate in the Youth Talent Show, this is the final week to turn in your performance forms! Tickets will be going on sale soon and all revenue generated

from the talent show will be used to help send our youth on our SYI mission trip. All ages are encouraged to perform!



We are going to mix things up a little bit for Youth Group. This week we will meet at the Engelbrecht home to roast marshmallows over a fire and ride bikes in the neighborhood. Meet at 1201 Southfield Rd, located just down the street from the church, from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

See you in The Place,
Trey

EPW GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Eastminster ladies will gather Wednesday, March 7th at noon in Fellowship Hall for luncheon, program and business meeting. As always, all ladies of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to be there! The cost of lunch is \$5/each. This month’s program will be on Songshine, a music-based voice therapy program for those whose speech may have become diminished for a variety of reasons. Come and enjoy good food and friendship, and learn something new as well! Call the church office for reservations.



Communion Sunday, March 4, 2018

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST

Dick Yeager

USHER

Rebecca Conen

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST

Dick Yeager

HEAD USHER

Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

TBA

Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

ACOLYTE

Ashlyn Eddlemon

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP LEADER

Annie Engelbrecht



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Happy Anniversary

3/19 Dennis & Emma Sue Davenport
3/25 Pat & Jayne Manis

March 2018

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/1 Sarah Karges
3/3 Isaac Holden
3/4 Walt Lowe
Bob Parsons
3/7 Lettie Lee Stallings
3/9 Grace Crecelius
Yancey Ferguson
Don Patterson
3/12 David Goodloe
3/13 Joe Carothers
Dorothy Mans
3/15 Steve Fritz
3/20 Tom Goodloe
3/23 Carson Lee
3/24 Hallie Rauch
3/25 Keaton Weil
3/27 Savannah Stauth
3/28 Levi Holden
Isabella Kuhs
Kirsten Shofstall
3/31 Avere Mercer



Sunday Schedule

8:00 Worship
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 -10:30 Fellowship
10:30 Worship
6:30 PM Youth Group

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9 AM 4C Play & Learn 4 PM Mahjong 4:30 Youth Office Hours 7 PM choir	2	3
4	5	6 9 AM Quilters 9 AM Staff Meeting 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	7 7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel 6 PM Deacons	8 9 AM 4C Play & Learn 4 PM Mahjong 4:30 Youth Office Hours 7 PM choir	9 <div>Staff & Officers Retreat</div>	10 9:AM Sister Joanna's Table
11 <div>SPRING AHEAD</div>	12 1 PM Bridge	13 9 AM Quilters 9 AM Staff Meeting 6:15 Ladies' Night Out 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	14 7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel 6 PM Assembly Night	15 9 AM 4C Play & Learn 4 PM Mahjong 4:30 Youth Office Hours 7 PM choir	16	17 <div>St. Patrick's Day</div>
18	19	20 9 AM Quilters 9 AM Staff Meeting 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	21 7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel Noon - Parlor Book Club <div></div>	22 9 AM 4C Play & Learn 4 PM Mahjong 4:30 Youth Office Hours 7 PM choir	23	24
25 Palm Sunday 11:30 Great Egg Caper <div>Hosanna!</div>	26	27 9 AM Quilters 9 AM Staff Meeting Noon - Book Club 6:55 PM Men's Study <div></div>	28 7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel 6 PM Session	29 9 AM 4C Play & Learn 4 PM Mahjong 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service	30 Good Friday <div>Prayer Vigil</div>	31

Christian Education

"Heads, Hearts and Hands For Christ in Service and Celebration"

Summer in Psalms Reading Schedule

Psalm 1:2 Instead, his delight is in the LORD's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.
February 26-Psalm 54
February 27-Psalm 55
February 28-Psalm 56
March 1-Psalm 57
March 2-Psalm 58
March 3-Psalm 59
March 4-Psalm 60
No pressure! Just catch up as you are able to. Keep on keeping on!

Memory Contest Update



There are lots of children and youth who are working hard to memorize some wonderful scripture, prayers, books of the Bible and Creeds. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, friends and family members who support these young people as they work on their memory verses. The Memory Contest continues through Palm Sunday. You have plenty of time! Keep up the great work everyone!!
Happy Memorizing!
The Christian Education Committee

HELP WANTED!

Would you be able to help with Children's church? If so, let any member of CE know, Erin Tipton or call the church office. We have many dates available for you to choose from! Let us know what would work with your schedule.



We have a 6 month old Lab mix puppy that we got two weeks after I came to work here at church. (We will talk about that decision another time.) Her name is Ash. We named her Ash because Dan didn't want her to have too 'human' of a name and because of the color of her coat and because of the girl porcupine from the movie *Sing*. We soon realized Ash is as prickly as they come!

Ash was 8 weeks when we got her and at 9 weeks old she started growling and snapping at us for anything and everything. She was only 10 lbs. at 9 weeks old, so we were still physically bigger. But, she was growing fast. We knew she was going to be a bigger dog and that we didn't want a big dog being aggressive with us or the boys. We signed her up for puppy classes, but didn't realize that they wouldn't start until January! It was October!

Insert an audible sigh here.

If I have looked haggard or exhausted over the past few months, it is because of Ash. While she was very easy to house train, the growling just wouldn't go away. I emailed the puppy school facility and begged for help prior to classes starting. Thankfully, they connected us with a dog trainer who had had success working with aggressive dogs. We started going to training sessions in mid-November. Ash was 12 weeks old and I was at my limit. The responsibilities kept mounting. Three little boys, a husband, a house, a mom's group to run, room parent responsibilities, a new puppy with lots of hair to vacuum up, a new job, I just wasn't sure I could handle any of it. I think God uses these moments to stretch us. I felt stretched pretty thin, though.

I can't tell you I felt the presence of God in all of these moments or that I understood what I was supposed to learn from all of the craziness. In fact, I felt far from God. I prayed, but not without ceasing. I ceased a few times. Many times, I thought, what good is it doing? But, I desperately wanted God to fix my situation. The situation that was based on decisions I had made! Psalm 13 about sums it up. Reread it, if you get the chance. David wrote it, but it articulates exactly how I was feeling! I wanted to be rescued by God. But, had God swooped in and rescued me, I am not sure I would know what I know now. Well, last Wednesday, Ash graduated from puppy school! My now 50 lb. Lab mix is a puppy school graduate who did not growl at me once when I picked up her foot, brushed her hair, checked her ear, or swiped my finger around her mouth full of BIG teeth. She even got the STAR puppy certification, which we were told 6 weeks ago that she wouldn't get. She isn't perfect, but she is better and I will take that. God grows us in the tough times. God teaches through the tough times. Our vision may be clouded to God's nudges in those tough times, but, thinking back on it, God was there and good. The last four months have been tough, but I have learned much more than how to teach a dog to sit and lay down. I have learned to persevere. I have learned that I can't do it all and need to evaluate what I can reasonably take on. And, I certainly can't do it without faith. Our puppy school